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SUBJ: TIME TABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES

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1. AT A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI
CHUNHAWAN NOVEMBER 11 (SEE SEPTTEL FOR FULL ACCOUNT),
AMBASSADOR GAINED CHATCHAI'S CONCURRENCE TO FOLLOWING
DRAWDOWN AND BASE CLOSURE SCENARIO:

A. REMOVAL OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT FROM UDORN BY
DECEMBER 31, 1975 AND FROM KORAT BY JANUARY
15, 1976.

B. DETAILED AIRCRAFT WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE PER
PARA SIX REFTTEL.

C. CLOSURE OF BASE AT UDORN JANUARY 31, 1976
AND KORAT FEBRUARY 29, 1976.

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D. NEEDED RESIDUAL US PRESENCE MAY REMAIN AT
UDORN AND KORAT AFTER FORMAL CLOSURE DATES
UNTIL RETROGRADE OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

2. ON PRESS HANDLING, CHATCHAI AGREED THAT NOVEMBER
11 MEETING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED TO PRESS AS MEETING
AT WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON TIME TABLE
FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THAILAND OF REMAINING US COMBAT
FORCES AND AIRCRAFT BY MARCH 20, 1976. IT WAS ALSO
AGREED THAT SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD BE MADE
LATER ON INDIVIDUAL BASE CLOSURES AND FORCE WITH-
DRAWAL ACTIONS, AFTER CONSULTATION IN US-THAI COORDINAT-
ING COMMITTEE IN SAME MANNER AS IN PAST.

3. WE EXPECT TO HOLD MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE
IN NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANWHILE, PUBLICITY ON DETAILS
OF DRAWDOWN SHOULD BE WITHHELD.
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